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SANITARY LEGISLATION.

STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

MISSISSIPPI.

Rabies—Notification of Cases. (Reg. Bd. of H., Feb. 4, 1915.)

Amendment to the rules and regulations governing morbidity reports:

SEC. 12. That the reporting of rabies, as required in section 2 of these rules and regulations, shall be that any physician who treats or examines any person that has been bitten, scratched, or otherwise having come in contact with an animal suffering from or suspected to be suffering from rabies in such manner that rabies may be contracted shall immediately report such fact to the county health officer of the county in which it occurred, giving the name of the person, the manner in which the person came in contact with the rabid or supposedly rabid animal, the age, color, or race, and the place at which it occurred: *Provided*, That when a person does not have the services of a physician, it shall be the duty of the person to make a report to the county health officer, as hereinbefore required of physicians: *Further provided*, That if this person is a minor, then it shall be the duty of the father or mother, or guardian, to report such fact to the county health officer, as hereinbefore required.

Rabies—Control of—Muzzling of Dogs. (Reg. Bd. of H., Feb. 4, 1915.)

SECTION 1. Whenever animal rabies is known to exist in any county of the State of Mississippi, the secretary of the State board of health shall immediately notify the county health officer of the county in which infection exists, and when he may deem it necessary for the protection of the people he shall notify the county health officers of each adjoining county, and these rules and regulations as hereinafter provided shall be put into force in such county.

SEC. 2. When a county health officer is notified that rabies exists in his county or in adjoining county, it shall be his duty to promulgate these rules and regulations.

SEC. 3. Any person owning or having in his or her possession a dog or dogs shall be required to keep them securely within an inclosure for such period as the county health officer may designate any dog or dogs that he may own or have in his or her possession: *Provided*, That if it is not the desire of the owner or person having a dog or dogs in his or her possession to keep them secure within an inclosure, as hereinbefore required, that each such dog shall at all times wear a muzzle, constructed of metal, which shall prevent biting, shall permit of the dog opening its mouth, and shall be fitted to the dog, being changed from time to time, if necessary, with the animal's growth, except at such time as necessary to water or feed the dog or dogs.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of all persons to report to the county health officer the existence of any animal suffering from, or suspected to be suffering from, rabies of which he or she may have knowledge.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of all police officials, and any citizen may kill or otherwise destroy any and all dogs that are found running at large, unmuzzled, within the area in which these rules and regulations are in force.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the county health officer when notified that animal rabies exists or is suspected to exist in his county to immediately make an investigation and furnish the secretary of the State board of health with all information desired.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the county health officer in each county in which these rules and regulations are in force to make a report each week to the secretary of the State board of health. Such reports are to be made until such time as the secretary of the State board of health may deem it wise to withdraw the enforcement of these rules and regulations from such county.

SEC. 8. These rules and regulations are adopted under the authority vested in the State board of health by section 2489 of the Mississippi Code of 1906.

Poorhouses, Paupers' Homes, and Pesthouses—Sanitary Regulation. (Reg. Bd. of H., Jan. 26, 1915.)

1. It shall be unlawful for any board of supervisors, board of aldermen, or city commissioners to own, maintain, or support, in whole or in part, any poorhouse, paupers' home, or pesthouse, except under the following regulations for the protection of inmates therein against contagious and infectious disease, and for the humane treatment of all inmates.

2. A poorhouse, paupers' home, or pesthouse must be kept in a clean condition, in good repair, painted white inside, screened, well lighted and ventilated, and properly heated.

3. The fireplaces or heaters in a poorhouse, paupers' home, or pesthouse must be so arranged with metal bars surrounding them as to prevent the inmates from falling against heaters or in the fireplaces.

4. Excelsior, hay, or straw mattresses will not be allowed in poorhouses or paupers' homes, but cotton mattresses must be used instead. Blankets, comforts, and sheets must be kept clean. Iron beds or hammocks to be used. The room must be kept free from worn-out bedding, old clothing, plunder of any description, such as empty cans, boxes, etc.

5. Efficient bathing facilities must be furnished in each poorhouse, paupers' home, or pesthouse, and all inmates thereof be bathed at regular intervals so as to be kept in a cleanly condition at all times, and must be furnished with clean clothing. An abundant supply of wholesome, well-cooked food must also be furnished all inmates of poorhouses, paupers' homes, or pesthouses. Necessary care must be given those sick, in the preparation of foodstuff, as may be directed by the State board of health or their representative.

6. The water supply for poorhouses, paupers' home, or pesthouses must be pure and unpolluted, care being exercised that the pump or well is so located as not to become infected from toilets. If water is supplied from a well, the same must be kept carefully covered, so as to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes.

7. Sufficient toilet facilities must be furnished each poorhouse, paupers' home, or pesthouse. Where no waterworks are available, there must be furnished a thoroughly screened fly-proof closet, built in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State board of health. At least one closet must be maintained for each race and sex.

8. No person suffering with consumption or any other contagious or infectious disease shall be placed in a room or any poorhouse, paupers' home, or pesthouse with any other person, except those suffering with a like disease, without authority from the State board of health or its authorized representatives; nor shall more than one person occupy the same bed in any room at any time.

9. When any poorhouse, paupers' home, or pesthouse is kept without complying with these regulations, the officials responsible for same, boards of supervisors, city commissioners, or boards of aldermen shall be proceeded against according to section 2511, chapter 64, laws of 1906.